

Group I: Claims 1-6 and 22-26, drawn to a high-density recording medium (Blu-ray disc) in which the recording area has multiple sessions comprising a Burst Cutting Area (BCA), lead-in area, program/data area, and lead-out area, classified in class 369, subclass 275.3;

Group II: Claims 7-14 and 27-40, drawn to a method of controlling data playback which includes determining the capacity of the high-density recording medium from the Burst Cutting Area (BCA), classified in class 369, subclass 53.22; or

Group III: Claims 15-21, drawn to an apparatus for controlling data playback of a recording medium comprising equalizers, partial response maximum likelihood (PRML) circuits, phase locked loop (PLL) circuits and switches, classified in class 369, subclass 52.1.

Applicants' Election

Applicants respectfully elect Group I, including claims 1-6 and 22-26 without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application for the non-elected claims during the pendency of this application.

Conclusion

An early indication of the allowability of claims 1-6 and 22-26 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a one (1) month extension of time for filing a reply to the outstanding Office Action and submit the required \$120.00 extension fee herewith.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Very truly yours,

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